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SUBJECT: IRAQ - SAUDI BORDER

REFS: A. JIDDA 0940 B. JIDDA 1025

1. I CALLED ON KINGS COUNSELOR, DR. RASHAD PHARAON TO DESCRIBE TO HIM IN SAME TERMS AS I HAD TO PRINCE SULTAN (REFTEL B) JORDAN' S URGENT NEED FOR SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. PHARAON LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY AND MADE WRITTEN NOTE OF AMOUNT OF US AID BEING GIVEN JORDAN. HE THEN RAISED SUBJECT OF SAUDI- IRAQ BORDER.

2. PHARAON COVERED MUCH SAME GROUND AS SAQQAF HAD (REFTEL A), NOTING THAT TO DATE IRAQIS HAD NOT AGREED TO LATEST SAUDI PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT BORDER COMMISSION TO WORK OUT PRECISE BORDER DEMARCATION. A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, WAS PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI TROOPS WHICH HAD SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BEEN BROUGHT REGION NEAR AL- MAMIYAH. PHARAON NOTED THAT NATIONAL GUARD ELEMENTS ON SAUDI SIDE IN SAME VICINITY HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED SOMEWHAT. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SITUATION VIS- A- VIS IRAQ NOW
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GAVE LESS GROUNDS FOR CONCERN. IN GENERAL HE WAS MORE
RELAXED IN HIS ATTITUDE THAN SAQQAF HAD BEEN WHEN HE
SPOKE WITH ME LAST WEEK ON SAME SUBJECT. (REFTEL A).
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